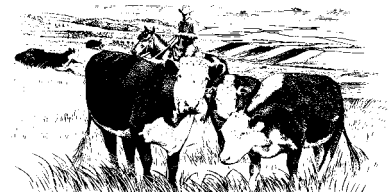


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Sept 17	Cattle on Feed	Oct. 15	Cattle on Feed
20	Cold Storage	20	Cold Storage
24	Livestock Slaughter	22	Livestock Slaughter
24	Hogs & Pigs		

## CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 375 thousand head on August 1, 1999. This was the same as last month, but 5 percent below August 1998. During July, placements of 55.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 11 percent above July 1998. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.12 million, 3 percent above 1998, but slightly below 1997. Other disappearance totaled 52.0 thousand during July, 4 percent above 1998, but 9 percent below 1997.

## CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 7.88 million on August 1, 1999. This was up 2 percent from the previous year and 5 percent above August 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.57 million, 7 percent below 1998 and 11 percent below 1997. Marketings during July totaled 1.82 million, 3 percent above 1998, but 2 percent below 1997. Other disappearance during July was 43.0 thousand head, 5 percent above 1998 and 2 percent above 1997.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.20 million head on August 1, 1999. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 1998 and 5 percent above August 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.81 million, 6 percent below 1998 and 9 percent below 1997. Net placements were 1.76 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 333 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 400 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 578 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 501 thousand.

## CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed July 1 1/			Placed During July		Marketed During July	
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head						
Arizona	200	198	99	21	23	25	26
California	390	375	96	55	55	45	50
Colorado	880	1,020	116	225	175	260	230
Iowa	265	310	117	26	32	45	50
Kansas	1,870	1,950	104	530	500	460	460
Nebraska	1,600	1,790	112	290	300	420	480
Texas	2,620	2,530	97	530	480	500	520
Seven-State Total	7,825	8,173	104	1,677	1,565	1,755	1,816
State	Other Disappearance During July 2/		Number on Feed August 1			1999/1998	
	1998	1999	1998	1999			
	1,000 Head						Percent
Arizona	0	1	196	194	99		
California	5	5	395	375	95		
Colorado	5	5	840	960	114		
Iowa	1	2	245	290	118		
Kansas	10	10	1,930	1,980	103		
Nebraska	10	10	1,460	1,600	110		
Texas	10	10	2,640	2,480	94		
Seven-State Total	41	43	7,706	7,879	102		

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during July 1999 totaled 85.3 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent below last month and 3 percent below July 1998. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In July 1999, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,231 pounds; calves, 134 pounds; and hogs, 212 pounds.

### BEEF AND RED MEAT EQUAL TO RECORD HIGH FOR JULY VEAL AND LAMB & MUTTON SET RECORD LOWS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, equaling the previous record high for July set in 1998.

July 1998 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays (including one holiday). July 1999 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above 1998 and equal to the previous record high for July set in 1997. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.08 million head, up 1 percent from 1998. The average live weight, at 1,206 pounds, was up 3 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 11 percent below the previous record low for July set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 111 thousand head, down 17 percent from July 1998. The average live weight was 19 pounds above last year to 280 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.49 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.91 million head, 4 percent below 1998. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 256 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous record low for July set in 1998. Sheep slaughter totaled 265 thousand head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, up 4 pounds from July a year ago.

January-July red meat production was 26.5 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was down 14 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 7 percent.



### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JULY 1998-99 1/

Class and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Avg. Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>CATTLE</b>						
California	85.8	81.0	106,100	99,710	1,237	1,231
U.S.	3,039.3	3,083.7	3,656,812	3,718,517	1,203	1,206
<b>CALVES</b>						
California	21.6	16.1	2,477	2,147	115	134
U.S.	134.0	110.8	34,937	31,001	261	280
<b>SHEEP &amp; LAMBS</b>						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	281.4	265.0	35,923	34,918	128	132
<b>HOGS</b>						
California	188.4	191.3	39,169	40,614	208	212
U.S.	8,269.7	7,909.6	2,084,434	2,026,243	252	256
<b>RED MEAT</b>						
	July 1998	June 1999	July 1999	July 99 July 98	July 99 June 99	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	87.9	88.7	85.3	97	96	
U.S.	3,781.1	3,940.4	3,781.4	100	96	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

### AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		July 1998	June 1999	July 15, 1999	July 1998	June 1999	July 15, 1999
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	99.00	84.00	74.00	88.60	81.70	78.40
Alfalfa, Baled <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	99.00	86.00	76.00	93.40	85.00	82.00
Hogs <sup>2/</sup> <sup>3/</sup>	Cwt.	---	---	---	36.90	34.20	31.20
Cows <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	33.00	35.50	36.50	34.70	36.70	38.20
Steers and Heifers <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	60.00	64.50	63.00	61.00	66.70	64.60
Calves <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	68.00	75.50	76.00	76.60	89.00	88.50
Sheep <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	29.00	24.50	26.00	29.40	28.90	---
Lambs <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	84.00	81.00	75.50	81.30	81.30	---
Milk Cows <sup>4/</sup>	Head	1,290.00	---	1,360.00	1,120.00	---	1,280.00
All Milk Wholesale <sup>2/</sup>	Cwt.	14.40	12.80	13.20	14.20	13.10	13.60

<sup>1/</sup> The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

<sup>2/</sup> Previous month revised to monthly average.

<sup>3/</sup> Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

<sup>4/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.



### FARM NUMBERS

In 1998, an estimated 89.0 thousand farms operated on 28.5 million acres in California. The average farm size is 320 acres.

The number of farms increased 2 percent from 1997, but the land in farms decreased 1 percent from the previous year.

### NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS <sup>1/</sup>

State and Item		1996	1997	1998
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	No. of Farms	86,000	87,000	89,000
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	29,000	28,700	28,500
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	337	330	320
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	No. of Farms	2,190,500	2,190,510	2,191,510
	Land in Farms (Thousand Acres)	958,675	956,010	953,765
	Avg. Size of Farms (Acres)	438	436	435

<sup>1/</sup> A farm is a place that sells or normally would sell \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the year. Includes places with five or more horses, regardless of sales. Excludes boarding stables and racetracks.